

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending with claim 1 being independent. The Board stated at Pages 7 and 8 that claims 2, 4, and 5 should be amended to correct for antecedent basis errors. Accordingly, applicant submits the above amendments to correct those errors explicitly stated in the decision.

Entry of this amendment is believed proper under 37 CFR §41.50(c) because the Board included, in its decision at Pages 7 and 8 an "explicit statement of how" the claims "on appeal may be amended." In this case, "appellant has the right to amend in conformity therewith" and an "amendment in conformity with such statement will overcome the specific rejection." Accordingly, claims 1-15 are now in condition for allowance.

It is believed that no fee is due with this submission. Nevertheless, please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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